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Flora Stevenson to H A Hall, 10 May 1896

The Park

May 10 1896

My dear Aubury

It must be two months since your letter came, I have so little to write about, I thought I would wait until I had, but I find no [---] be waiting. I spend a lot of time in writing to Fred the mail goes past Balligundi twice a week so we hear from each other very often, he does write long letter[s] [?and] some of them are very amusing, he is getting very tired of being away, if he does not hurry up it will soon be two years since he was here, but I suppose he will really come soon. Ted is still on the fields, he expects to do well. Mother had a letter from your Mother she seems to be having good health, she does not mention suffering in any way. I have not heard from Eva yet, has she married and left the North or what has become of her? Are the [?Cusacks] still at the Tableland, I have not heard from her for a long time. What a [?horrid] person Mrs Church is, she is a disgrace to her sister. We heard that Mrs Rouse had left the Roebourne school, and was to be married to some one. Are the Roe's back, or have they left the north, Mrs Roe did not visit her friend Miss Reynolds while in the South. The Thomsons brother Jack is dangerously ill he hurt himself while riding about a year ago, they only lost the other brother last Jan, so they are having great trouble. The Rail way from Donybrook is being surveyed to Bridgetown for the last time this will be a third line they will have [?run] it must be costing the Gov a good sum for all this [?work], they have two cooks, one they pay £3 per week and the other 50/- and there is twenty to cook for, they are a jolly lot of fellows most of them of the better class, they are stationed two miles from here they asked Gerald and Walter and me to go and take dinner with them so I told them if I went they must tell the head cook to get some thing extra. My sister Jessica who is Mrs Inglis has a son, so they are too proud almost to walk I tell them, they have 4 girls so that is quite a large family Walter often goes to Bridgetown for a ride and can do any little thing there for me which makes [---] very convenient.

Godfrey is having his cottage put up it will soon be finished if the weather will only keep fine

I must now close with best love

I remain your affec

Cousin Flora